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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To continue an advisory committee considering the optimal security, reliability, and interoperability of communications systems.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY,**  
4                   **AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL.**

5       (a) CONTINUATION.—The Federal Communications  
6 Commission shall continue the advisory committee known  
7 as the “FCC’s Communications Security, Reliability, and  
8 Interoperability Council” (in this section referred to as the  
9 “Council”) in accordance with its charter, as modified by

1 this section, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5  
2 U.S.C. App.).

3 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Council shall consider  
4 and recommend—

5 (1) how to promote reliable 9–1–1 services, E9–  
6 1–1 services, and Next Generation 9–1–1 services  
7 (as such services are defined in section 158 of the  
8 National Telecommunications and Information Ad-  
9 ministration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 942));

10 (2) how to extend next generation capabilities  
11 to other services using abbreviated dialing codes to  
12 ensure their reliability and cost effective deployment;

13 (3) how to make communications networks, in-  
14 cluding broadband networks and VoIP systems,  
15 more secure, resilient, and defendable against Inter-  
16 net-based attacks;

17 (4) how to promote the development of a next  
18 generation alerting system that leverages advanced  
19 technologies and the Internet to distribute emer-  
20 gency alerts and warnings to the public; and

21 (5) how to improve the functioning of the pri-  
22 ority services programs related to national security  
23 and emergency preparedness, including Government  
24 Emergency Telecommunications Service, Telecom-

1       munications Service Priority, and Wireless Priority  
2       Service.

3       (c) REPORT.—

4               (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,  
5       2013, the Council shall transmit to the Federal  
6       Communications Commission, the Committee on En-  
7       ergy and Commerce of the House of Representa-  
8       tives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
9       Transportation of the Senate a report containing the  
10      following:

11               (A) Any recommendations developed under  
12       subsection (b), along with a summary of those  
13       recommendations.

14               (B) A summary of the greatest and grow-  
15       ing threats to the security of communications  
16       networks, including broadband networks and  
17       VoIP systems.

18               (C) An itemization of any statutory or reg-  
19       ulatory obstacles to enhancing the security of  
20       communications networks, including broadband  
21       networks and VoIP systems, through voluntary  
22       public-private partnerships.

23               (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Council shall trans-  
24       mit a report under paragraph (1) that has been

1       agreed to by at least a two-thirds majority of the  
2       members of the Council.

3 **SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

4       Nothing in this Act may be construed to grant any  
5       authority to the Federal Communications Commission to  
6       adopt rules or regulations or to impose binding obligations  
7       on businesses or consumers.

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